

Assemblyman  
**PAUL KORETZ**  
Forty-second Assembly District



*proudly representing the communities of West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, Century City, Westwood, Bel Air, Brentwood, West Los Angeles, Hollywood, Hancock Park, Universal City, Studio City, and Sherman Oaks*

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**KORETZ RECEIVES HSUS HUMANE LEGISLATOR AWARD**

*West Hollywood Democrat One of Only Ten State Legislators Honored Nationwide*

The Humane Society of the United States has honored Assemblyman Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood) with a "Humane Legislator Award" for 2003-2004. The award recognizes exceptional leadership in policymaking in the animal welfare domain. Koretz was specifically recognized for his efforts in shepherding into law AB 1857 to prohibit the declawing of exotic or native wild cats species.

"Assembly Member Koretz has been a long-time advocate for animals at the California Assembly," said Eric Sakach, who heads HSUS' West Coast Regional Office in Sacramento. "Without his vision, leadership, patience and dedication over the course of the years, legislation like AB 1857 would never have been possible," he said.

"Ever since I have served in public office, one of my priorities has been to advocate on behalf of animals," said Assemblyman Koretz. "The welfare of animals is a serious matter deserving of the serious attention of local, state and federal lawmakers. I am proud to champion causes that benefit their well being.

"I am constantly amazed and impressed by the passion and dedication of those who advocate on behalf of animals. It is a privilege to work with organizations like HSUS," he said.

In a letter to the Assemblyman, HSUS President and CEO Wayne Pacelle said, "California is a better place for animals because of your key role and devotion to humane issues. We hope your dedication and compassion will provide inspiration to legislators across the country to take similar action."

Koretz was just one of ten state legislators nationwide to receive this honor. He will be recognized as a recipient of the "Humane Legislator Award" at the 19th Genesis Awards this Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> in Beverly Hills. The Annual Genesis Awards honors the news and entertainment media for their positive coverage of animal-protection issues.

The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's largest animal protection organization with more than 8.5 million members and constituents.

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